

107. The method of claim 61, further comprising the step of catalytically reducing a portion of any remaining NOx after the autothermal exhaust gas heating and autocatalytic NOx reduction.

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108. The method of claim 107, wherein the exhaust gas is heated autothermally to control the temperature for the catalytic NOx reduction.

110. The method of claim 107, wherein the autothermal heating decreases exhaust gas contaminants such as hydrocarbons, soot, CO and particulate matter.

Please delete claim 109 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 61-101 and 106-110 were in the application. Claim 109 has been deleted without prejudice. Herein Applicant has endeavored to correct the various informalities and other matters noted by the Examiner (Applicant's attorney thanks the Examiner for the detailed comments and suggestions in this regard).

Applicant proposes to add prior art labels as shown in the attached copy of the formal drawings. Formal drawings will be submitted upon receipt of Notice of Allowance.

It is submitted that the amendments herein should place the application in condition for allowance. It is submitted that the claims in the present application are allowable over the cited art as previously discussed in the parent application. Applicant also notes that a terminal disclaimer has been submitted previously, which should address any obviousness-type double patenting issues, to the extent present.

If there are further questions, etc., Applicant's attorney would welcome a further opportunity to discuss such matters by way of a telephone interview.

No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Please charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0251.

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